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FIRST BASEBALL GAME.

Play Yale Saturday, Weather Permitting.

According to latest accounts, Trinity's first baseball game of the season will be played next Saturday, March 30th. The game, which is to be played in New Haven with the Yale nine, will start at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Although the Trinity team has had no outdoor practice whatsoever, and owing to the condition of the grounds, will probably not have, yet Coach Dowd says that if the grounds at New Haven are fit the nine will go down, and he feels confident will make a very good showing under the circumstances. Manager Deppen has written to the Yale manager in an effort to postpone the game until later in the season, but so far has not received an answer.

Coach Dowd is, of course, finding some difficulty in picking men for the various positions, as no one has had a real chance to show what he can do. Cook is pitching in his old form, while Warner seems to have improved a good deal from last year, and Bleecker has made a surprising advance. Captain L'Heureux still does good work behind the bat, while Stites and McCue are promising freshman candidates. Hicks, '14, who played in six games last year, is trying for first, and C. H. Howell, '12, who did not get much chance to show what he could do last year, has a good chance for a position. This leaves a good many places to be filled by new, inexperienced men, whether freshmen or not. However, Coach Dowd has an excellent reputation for getting a team into shape, and as the material is unusually good, there is every prospect of a good season.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

Princeton.

The Princeton gym team was defeated by Pennsylvania, 31 to 23.

In the Eastern Rifle Shooting League, Princeton tied for second place with North Georgia University, being defeated by Massachusetts Agricultural College, 958 to 907, Princeton, however, received a trophy for being the highest of any non-military institution. Next Saturday, Massachusetts will shoot against the University of Iowa for the United States title.

The student performance of this year's Triangle Show will be on March 30th.

Princeton will add a freshmen golf team this spring. This is an innovation due to the fact that all the men on the present 'Varsity team are seniors. Golf and tennis are also counted as regular exercises for freshmen, and may be substituted for gymnasium.

Yale.

The Yale 'Varsity rowing squad of forty men recently began its outdoor practice. Several pair-oar shells were launched and each set had nearly an

CHESS TOURNAMENT PROGRESSING.

More Interest than Usual this Year.

The preliminary round of the chess tournament is practically completed, and the first round is being played off. In the preliminary, the matches were won by J. Barnett, '13, Moses, '14, R. Walker, '14, Adkins, '13, Ripley, '15, E. Barnett, '15, and C. Ward, '13, while Marsden, Edgelow, Short, Collett, Jewett, Ford, Peck, and Kendall were ties. In the first round E. Barnett defeated C. Ward, 2-0, and Kendall defaulted to Peck.

It is hoped that sometime sufficient interest may be aroused in chess to enable Trinity to have a team to compete with Amherst, Williams and some of the other New England colleges.

A LONG DISTANCE ORATOR.

The *Saturday Evening Post* recently printed the following anecdote of Allen W. Thurman, 'Trinity, 69:

Allen Thurman, of Columbus, Ohio, and John J. Lentz, the former representative, went to a village about ten miles from Columbus one night to address a Democratic meeting. They drove over together in a buggy.

Lentz was to talk first. The agreement was that each was to make a thirty-minute speech and then they would come back to town together. Lentz is a long distance orator. He forgot about the thirty-minute agreement and talked for an hour without signs of stopping. Thurman got sorer and sorer as Lentz went along; and at the end of an hour and fifteen minutes he got up, left the hall, took the buggy and drove back to Columbus.

In Columbus, ten miles away, he repented a little, thought he had been hasty and drove back to the village. As he stopped in front of the hall he asked a man:

"Have you seen anything of John Lentz. I want to get him and drive him back to Columbus with me."

"Well," said the man, "if you go up in the hall you'll find him. He's talking yet!"

hour's work. There was much ice from the Mill River and the coxswains were kept on the lookout, but there were no collisions.

Owen Johnson recently made a statement giving it as his opinion that few American writers have been college men. The *Yale News*, however, presents statistics to show the contrary. In fact, out of 759 American writers of fiction, essays or scientific articles, 58 per cent. were found to be graduates of colleges. Of these by far the largest number, 256, is of essayists. Then follow 159 novelists and 27 scientific writers.

Among the colleges, Harvard leads with 83 authors, and Yale follows second, though at some distance.

STUDENT CONFERENCE.

Many Prominent Speakers at Hartford Seminary.

The Eighth Annual Conference of Eastern College Men concerning the Christian ministry held at the Hartford Theological Seminary, March 22-24, was better attended and proved more interesting than most of the delegates expected. Among the colleges represented were, Yale, Harvard, Amherst, Williams, Columbia, Wesleyan, New York University, Trinity, Brown, and C. C. N. Y., and the total registration from the various colleges was well over one hundred. The purpose of the conference, as was printed in the last issue of the *Tripod*, was "to present to college men who are deciding upon their life work, definite and reliable information concerning the challenge and opportunities of the Christian ministry." This "definite and reliable information" was presented most earnestly and forcefully by some of the strongest speakers of the day, foremost among whom was Robert E. Speer, who is a member of the Presbyterian Board of Missions and well-known to all students who have attended the Northfield Conferences. Another speaker of note was Pres. W. D. Mackenzie, of the Hartford Seminary, who spoke very eloquently on "The Need of a Trained Ministry to Shape the World's Statesmanship." Among others who addressed the convention were Pres. A. P. Fitch, of the Andover Seminary, Prof. G. A. J. Ross of the Presbyterian College in Montreal, Rev. Harry C. Fosdick of the Union Theological Seminary, Pres. K. L. Butterfield of Mass. Agricultural College, and Mr. M. H. Bowman, a former Yale athlete, now at Hill School. All these spoke of the great opportunities now before the college men, and how great was the need for men who would take up the great questions of both church and state, before the world to-day, and look them squarely in the face, and by their examples as Christian men, change the lives and characters of people the world over.

Trinity should be congratulated on her showing at the convention as over twenty men represented the college at the various sessions. Keep up the good work.

Foreign universities claim 22, Columbia 17, Pennsylvania 16, University of Michigan 9, Amherst and Cornell each 12, Princeton and Williams each 11, Dartmouth 7, and Brown 6. The smaller colleges of the country are well represented, for nearly 50 per cent. of the writers included in the graduates' list are from small or medium-sized institutions. Less than 2 per cent. are members of Phi Beta Kappa.

Amherst.

Brander Mathews gave four lectures at Amherst last week on The American Drama and Dramatic Criticism.

TENNIS SCHEDULE.

Union on April 29, Opening Game.

The tennis team will have seven meets this spring in addition to the Intercollegiate at Boston, at which two or three men will represent the college. Union on April 29 will open the season. The more important teams that appear on the schedule are Williams, Amherst, Brown and Wesleyan. Owing to the poor condition of the local courts and the lack of financial support for the coming season, most of the matches will be played out of town. The complete schedule is as follows:

April 29—Union College at Hartford.
May 11—Open.
May 17—Boston University at Boston.
May 18—Brown Univ. at Providence.
May 24—Mass. A. C., at Amherst.
May 25—Amherst College at Amherst.
May 27-29—New England Intercollegiate at Boston.
June 1—Williams College at Williams-town.
June 8—Wesleyan Univ. at Middletown.

NOTES.

The Easter recess will begin at 4 p. m. on Wednesday, April 3rd, and continue until Monday, April 15th, at 5.45 p. m., when the usual chapel service will open the final term.

There will be a meeting of the Senior Class on Wednesday at 12.45 in the History Room.

The date of the postponed lecture of Friday last under the auspices of the Department of Biology will shortly be announced.

The tennis team will probably be forced to use the Pope Park Courts for practice this spring as the college courts are in poor repair.

Preparations for the Sophomore Smoker are nearly completed, and the minstrel show is rapidly being made "letter perfect."

The noon-day chapel services which are held in the college chapel, are being better attended this year than has been the case for several years.

The Whitlock Prize Competition will be held in Alumni Hall the evening of Monday, April 1st.

At the conference for the promotion of the interest of college men in the Christian ministry, held recently at the Hartford Theological Seminary, Trinity was represented by twenty-two delegates. With one exception, this was the largest showing made by any of the New England colleges, our old rivals in all things, Wesleyan, beating us out by two delegates.

The Amherst French club will present Moliere's "Precieuses Ridicules" sometime in May.

In the interclass track meet the Sophomores were first with 36½ points, the Freshmen second with 33.

The award of athletic letters at Amherst has been made more stringent.

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What appeals to us as a most excellent plan has been suggested at Amherst whereby a committee made up of members from the faculty and from the student body is to be appointed to hear grievances of the student body and of the faculty either scholastic or athletic in character. Such a committee as this at Trinity would enable the student body to cooperate more closely than is possible under the existing circumstances with the faculty. There are always a large number of complaints to be heard about the way we are being governed, which in many cases is foolish, yet there are at other times grievances which should be given in all justice careful consideration by the faculty. The *Tripod* would suggest that such a committee as has been proposed at Amherst be considered for Trinity. The undergraduate members could be appointed by the Senate and stated meetings

could be held at which all grievances could be aired. Surely no harm could arise from such a plan and there would be a more satisfactory understanding between faculty and undergraduates than now exists.

THE WEATHER AS THE "GLOOM" SEES IT.

"Oh, yes, very charming weather. I was always crazy about snow in March. It seems so springlike, you know. I can just imagine I hear the little birds singing in the trees, and the beautiful flowers growing here and there, can't you?"

"Yes, the trees are beautiful, with icicles hanging from every twig. They look so warm and cozy. Every time I feel cold I take off my coat, and stand under one of those icy trees, and gaze soulfully into its branches. Soon the cold feeling leaves, and a beautiful numbness steals over me. Only when a falling icicle takes off my ear, do I realize that most of my extremities are frozen."

"What I like best, though, is when the snow begins to melt. It's so exhilarating to wade through five or six inches of water in your nicely polished shoes, and then sit for two hours or more, feeling the pneumonia gradually creeping up from your wet feet, and coughing and sneezing spasmodically. Oh, yes, this is indeed charming weather."

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the *Tripod*:

Dear Sir:

This season more than ever, the need for an indoor baseball cage appears. About a year ago, the *Tripod* started an agitation to build a cage, many prominent alumni were interested, and nearly half the necessary funds were pledged. Unfortunately, however, it seemed to many that the college needed new dormitories, a library, etc., much more than a baseball cage and so the scheme was discountenanced and allowed to drop.

Consequently, we are left to the mercy of the elements when spring baseball practice starts. Wet ground, rain, and snow very often combine to keep the team in the gymnasium. This was especially noticeable last year when the Yale game had to be cancelled on account of bad weather and no practice. It is equally noticeable this year, when the snow precludes all possibility of out-door practice before the Yale game. This means that if we play Yale, the infield and outfield will have had no practice at their position, the pitchers and coaches will never have played with the rest of the team, and, worst of all, no man on the team will have had a day's batting practice.

In view of these conditions, it seems almost useless for the teams to keep up the brave attempt to play games before Easter. Can not some remedy be devised, whereby the objections to the indoor cage could be overcome, and the scheme carried through?

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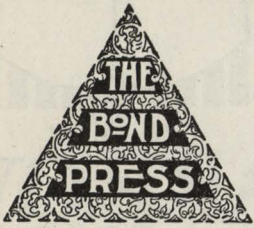
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